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Remarks/Arguments

Applicants have received and carefully reviewed the Office Communication of the Examiner mailed December 13, 2004. Claims 1-47 are pending. Applicants confirm their election of Group I, claims 1-13 and 35-47, drawn to a humidifier, and Species A, Figure 8, without traverse. Applicants believe that all elected claims 1-13 and 35-47, contained within Group I, read on Species A, Figure 8. Currently at least claims 1 and 35 of the elected claims are generic.

If a telephone interview would be of assistance, please contact the undersigned attorney at 612-677-9050.

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